

WATCHING ACTION OF LEADERS

Oklahoma Democrats Are Interested in National Politics.

BRYAN YET A FAVORITE

Nomination of a Cleveland Democrat Will Chill.

Guthrie, O. T., Aug. 15.—Oklahoma Democrats are closely watching the action of their leaders in their party in reference to the selection of a man to head the national ticket next year, and the nomination of a man who is not sympathetic with western Democrats may have a disastrous effect on the Democratic party in this territory," said a well known politician in discussing national and territorial politics with a number of men in Guthrie a few days ago. "I know of a number of prominent men who are opposed to the nomination of Grover Cleveland or any of his adherents, and the nomination of a man from Cleveland's wing of the party will be so disastrous to these residents of Oklahoma that they will be mighty lukewarm in supporting the Democratic ticket, even in local matters."

"When you think of it, there is no question but that Bryan and his friends have had a wonderful hold on western people. Bryan, despite the fact that he was defeated every time he was a candidate for president, is popular in the west. A large number of the territory will continue any person that the nomination of an eastern Democrat will have a tendency to drive Democrats to the Republican party, or cause them to remain at home on election day. It is true that Oklahoma voters will have no opportunity, unless statehood comes soon, to vote for president, but the men here have come from states, or at least a large majority of them, in which they are accustomed to the national election in the national contest. The Oklahoma citizen is intensely interested in the outcome of a presidential election as the man in Kansas or Nebraska. If the principles advocated by his party do not suit him, he will not hesitate to go to the party presenting ideas that are in accord with his views on national affairs. Just the other day I heard a prominent lawyer in this territory say that if a man from the Cleveland branch of the Democratic party is nominated for president he will not support the Democratic ticket in Oklahoma, regardless of the fact that he has no presidential vote."

"Another thing you will find, too," continued the politician, "is that Theodore Roosevelt has a wonderful hold on the people of the west. He is popular in Oklahoma. The energy and spirit displayed by him, and the fact that he does things causes him to be admired by Oklahomans. It may be said that Republicans cannot afford to talk national politics when the voters of the territory have no say in national affairs, but there is a mistake in this, and the Republican who goes out before the people with Theodore Roosevelt as a candidate for president and refuses to talk national politics makes a serious error. The people will discuss national politics, probably more than territorial affairs, and in my estimation the presidential election will have a decided effect on the outcome of the contest in Oklahoma."

Despite the fact that another congressional election is more than a year distant, Democratic politicians are forecasting to the public press with a view of ascertaining what the party will do when it comes time to nominate a man for delegate to congress. There are a number of men really anxious to go to congress from Oklahoma, and some of them are already in the hands of their friends.

"Bill" Cross, defeated last fall by Bird S. McGuire, wants another opportunity to campaign the territory. Cross has stated repeatedly that he desires the nomination, and is already talking with party leaders, in an effort to ascertain what they will do when the time comes for holding a convention. Cross' method of campaigning was not especially pleasing to members of his party and any attempt to re-nominate him means a hot fight in the congressional caucus. Men enjoying the confidence of William Bowles of Perry say that the speaker of the house of the last legislature will be a candidate before the next congressional convention. Prior to the last legislature, Bowles was not known in territorial politics, but his friends state that his legislative record is such that he will be a formidable candidate for the nomination. Bowles has fought the battle of the party in Noble county and in encounters with other Democrats for leadership of his party has had fair success. There are other men in Noble county with congressional aspirations and the announcement of Bowles' candidacy will cause them to remain in the back ground.

There are other men with a desire for the congressional nomination, some of whom were candidates last year. Since that time, however, they have not been frequently heard of in territorial affairs.

THAT SHERIFF CONTEST.

Referee Has Made No Report on the Contest.

Norman, O. T., Aug. 15.—Referee Dudley has made no report as yet on the contest and perhaps will not make any public until the regular November term of the district court. The counting of the ballots was completed last week except the contested ballots, and they will be passed upon in the referee's report.

Last Thursday night the election judges and clerks from Denver, Elmont, and Noble testified that the returns left their hands in proper form. As the entire proceedings are now in the hands of the referee court and the public has entire confidence in his fairness and judgment, comment either way is unnecessary.

TEST OF WATER SUPPLY.

Fine Vein of Water Found by the Santa Fe.

Lincoln, O. T., Aug. 15.—The railroad has made its test of the water supply here and the vein is one of the strongest in the Panhandle branch of the Santa Fe says the Mirror.

The big steam pump with the four inch pipe and three foot stroke was put

into the six inch hole here that we call a well, and threw a small stream of water almost continuously for eighteen hours.

Considering the size of the hole and that there was no reservoir the test proves there is water for any needed purposes. With a well such as the railroad uses, 24 feet across with a good reservoir it would never be pumped dry. A sample of the water was taken to Tokela and analyzed and was pronounced almost free from gyp and other minerals and most class for steaming. It was used in the boiler for steam driven the pumping and gave entire satisfaction.

The Santa Fe is bound to have a water station on this hill and they have tried both east and west Lincoln and could not get a sufficient supply of water fit to use in the engines, and the only question here was whether the supply was great enough for their use.

The test has been made and it will not be long until it will be known whether they consider there is a strong enough vein to supply their needs.

MUDDLE AMICABLY SETTLED.

Rock Island Forces Are Making the City Fly.

El Reno, O. T., Aug. 15.—Since the cemetery middle has been amicably settled, the Rock Island railway forces have been making the dirt fly at a lively rate on the cut-off south of the city, which when finished will undoubtedly change the whole management of that system in this city and obviate serious difficulties in handling passengers and it is reported the change is liable to make a considerable difference with several employees.

HORSE THIEVES ALSO.

Members of the Association and Citizens Take Notice.

Manchester, O. T., Aug. 15.—N. W. Patton, president of a lodge of the A. H. T. A. has issued the following circular: To All Members of the A. H. T. A. No. 23, and the Public in General: Officials and those in authority are almost daily in receipt of letters and notices describing stolen horses in various parts of the country, this indicating that a strong gang of thieves is operating in Oklahoma, Kansas and the Indian territory, and it is more than likely that many of these animals pass through our immediate vicinity.

I would therefore warn every citizen in this locality, and especially every member of our sub-order which now number about 130, to be on over on the lookout and report to me immediately any loss of stock or any suspicious characters. When you see a team passing through the country see him up and in your mind and take the best description you can of his outfit. It will do no harm and very often will assist me in bringing criminals to justice.

HE FELL DEAD.

Stranger Stabbed to Death on Reunion Grounds.

Jefferson, O. T., Aug. 15.—A stranger, Charles Haver, was stabbed to death on the reunion grounds last night in a drunken brawl in which several men were concerned. The victim was a man of about 40 years of age, and was traveling about the country with a woman in a covered wagon and it seems from the evidence given in at the coroner's inquest that the woman was drunk and together with the other men was making considerable noise. Haver harassed his team and attempted to hitch up and drive away, when he was struck over the head with a neckyoke and then stabbed by some one. The knife entered the heart and he fell dead as he attempted to get away from his assailant. Sheriff Brattain was on the train that stopped at the reunion grounds a short time after the killing and at once took steps to apprehend the murderers and place them under arrest. The woman claims that she took up with this man at Lincoln about six weeks ago, but does not give any information where his home was.

ROBBERS ARE RESIDENTS.

Police Base Their Theory Upon a Discovery.

Oklahoma City, O. T., Aug. 15.—The McLean robbery is still as much of a mystery as ever, though the police now are certain that the robbers are residents of this city. They reason for this theory is that part of the plunder was found on the rear steps of a vacant house, located on North Market street, almost directly in the rear of the McLean house. Husb and shoes obscure an easy view of the place, and the thieves evidently stuck it out before making the robbery, as a good spot to search out the valuables they might secure and possibly make a division of the spoils.

A new residence is being erected adjoining the vacant house and this morning a gentleman stepped around the bushes between the two houses, noting a pile of clothing on the back steps of the brick. He made an examination and found that the clothing belonged to Mr. McLean and that the note for a large sum, together with a check book, order book, etc., were all there. The thieves could not easily have disposed of these papers had they left them there.

POINT AT LAW.

Wenner is Asked to Settle an Intricate Question.

Jefferson, O. T., Aug. 15.—Dave Bunch, the school land appraiser, is up against a proposition, says the Review. He says that Secretary Wenner gave definite instructions to the appraisers to examine every quarter. Now over in Kay county Dave found an old colored lady who owns two quarter sections and she set out to object to Dave examining them. Dave has written Wenner for advice, because Wenner has lived in Guthrie and Kingfisher for several years.

DEPUTY OIL INSPECTOR.

Everything Has Been Smooth in Oil Circles Until Recently.

Shawnee, O. T., Aug. 15.—A few months ago Shawnee was honored by the powers that be by the appointment of a deputy oil inspector, and Jacob Spoon, one of the old timers of the town, was named and accepted the position.

Since that time until within the last few days everything has been sailing along smoothly. Deputy Spoon making his inspections of the cars of oil as fast as they come and were reported to him, but finally a shipment arrived that failed to come up to the test standard, and Deputy Spoon promptly rejected it.

The Waters-Pierce Oil company, which delivered the car here, was notified and the oil returned to the company by their local agent.

Indian Girl Killed.

Newkirk, O. T., Aug. 15.—Jennie Makes Noise, a Pona Indian girl, was accidentally shot in the abdomen by her brother about a week ago. The wound caused death. She was a student of Haskell institute at Lawrence, Kan.

TOUGH OF ROMANCE IN STORY

German Army Officer Wedded Girl of His Choice.

HE FLED TO AMERICA

In an Hour of Jealous Insanity He Slew His Wife.

Guthrie, O. T., Aug. 15.—Ever since the conviction of Conrad Maas, a member of a prominent German family and a former officer in the German army, there have been efforts upon the part of his kinsmen to secure his release from the Kansas state penitentiary at Lansing, where he is serving a life sentence for the murder of his young and talented wife on an isolated claim in sandhills of southern Blaine county, Oklahoma. It was the end of a romance, frequent among families of nobility across the seas, wherein the army officer had married the woman of his choice despite the protests of his family and fled to America with her, always attentive to her, but ever jealous, he finally murdered her in the most cruel manner, because, as he declared then, he feared her too close relationship with a German neighbor. That his fears were imaginary and that the woman was faithful to her marital vow is the unanimous testimony of the neighbors of the Maas family prior to the murder.

Maas killed his wife on December 5, 1898, and was tried on October 6 of the following year at Watonga, the county seat of Blaine county. His plea was insanity. He was constantly imagining that his people were trying to become his death; he claimed they had put poison in his food, had tried to hypnotize him, and had placed a bunch of bloodhounds on his track. Imagining also that his mother believed him dead, he was constantly sending her telegrams to the effect that he was still alive. It is important, too, to note that within a year prior to the murder of his wife he had revisited his German home and had sent money back to that country to purchase shares in a Moscow loan association of some eight hundred shares.

In the spring, preceding his trial, Maas had been declared insane by the county examining board, but when tried the verdict of the jury was that he was sane, and the only wonder at that time was that he did not receive the death sentence instead of a life term. The most prominent attorneys in the territory were secured to defend him, and his relatives furnished the money to withstand every matter in connection with the defense. The murder of his wife was most brutal. She had evidently just finished her breakfast when she was attacked by her husband, who used a double-barreled shotgun to accomplish his purpose. She had fallen as she passed from the kitchen into the bed room and two days afterward her body was found lying weltering in her own blood. There were fatal wounds in her right side and in her head. One load of shot had torn away a part of her right ear, as the shot entered her head, and tore out an eye in dislodging itself. There were pieces of her flesh scattered about the room, some lying underneath the dining table, all of them torn away with the shot, or arried away by rats that had mutilated her body after her murder. There were streaks of blood where it had run from her wounds and there were footprints in blood, made by her husband as he escaped from the Maas after killing her. There were blood spots everywhere. The night following the murder the neighbors who were called later to the scene by the reports of the murder.

Immediately after killing his wife Maas hastened to El Reno, thirty-five miles, and surrendered to the sheriff of Canadian county, telling the officer of the awful deed he had committed. He talked "cray" all day, and declared that he was done after him and threatened to shoot any person who would attempt to lynch him for the deed he had committed. He carried the gun with which he killed his wife with him to prison, having in his pockets enough shells, loaded, to stand off a company of men. The day of the murder was bitter cold, but he made the entire trip to El Reno in his shirt sleeves. He completely exhausted his team with which he started and employed a farmer to take him into El Reno.

Later Maas was transferred to the county jail at Watonga, where he remained until removed to the penitentiary to begin his life sentence. At numerous times there have been members of his family in Germany here attempting to effect his release from the prison, but they have always failed. The German consul at St. Louis was interested in the case and has had much correspondence with Oklahoma officials regarding Maas. There was also much correspondence at one time with United States consul at Berlin, who sent for one of the letters written by Maas and his wife to relatives in Germany. He has been asked to furnish much information regarding the family in that country. The prison officials shortly after Maas was entered as a life term believed him insane and he has occupied a place in the insane ward during the greater portion of his incarceration. The friends of Maas have attempted to secure his release on the insanity plea in order that he might be removed to Germany for treatment in government hospitals. Oklahoma officials, however, were acquainted with the details of the horrible wife murder and it has been difficult to convince them that Maas is insane. Three Oklahoma governors have refused to approve his removal from the penitentiary on any ground.

But it now appears that Maas finally will get out of the penitentiary. Oklahoma being a territory has no penitentiary and the convicts are kept in the Kansas prison under contract. This contract was renewed only last week in the new agreement Kansas inserted a clause, to the effect that hereafter when an Oklahoma prisoner is declared insane by a Kansas examining board, the prisoner must be returned to the county in Oklahoma from which he was convicted and sentenced. A Kansas board held Maas insane and Governor Ferguson says that under the new contract's conditions the prisoner must be returned to Blaine county, which, by the way, is the governor's home county. This removal

lets Maas out of prison, placing him in a county jail pending further disposition of him.

CROPS FOR KIOWA.

New Country Has Shown Itself Equal to the Best.

Hobart, O. T., Aug. 15.—The Daily News Republican says: "A trip through Kiowa county demonstrates the remarkable fertility to which, in six weeks' drought without serious injury to growing crops."

"In every part of the county can be seen evidences of this statement. Notwithstanding the excessive rains and unusually cold weather which prevailed during and after cotton planting time, this staple promises a more than average yield and will be harvested as early as usual. The average yield for the year has been very greatly increased and every bale of the product raised in this and adjoining counties can find a ready market in Hobart, and at better prices than last year."

"Early planted corn looks well, is heavily eared and nearly matured and will make from thirty to sixty bushels per acre on second breaking. To have seen fields of corn planted on sod which will yield from twenty to thirty bushels per acre."

"Kaffir corn and cane could not be more thrifty, and the crop will be an immense one. There is no such thing as a failure in these products, no matter how unfavorable the conditions or severe the drought."

"But very little of the wheat or oats crop has been threshed, farmers preferring to thresh from the shock. The few who have threshed report from twenty to forty bushels per acre for wheat, and from forty to sixty-five bushels for oats—and all this on second breaking of the sod."

THEY GOT COOPER.

He Got Away From the Deputies Several Weeks Ago.

Guthrie, O. T., Aug. 15.—A report from Guyton, Beaver county, through the Herald, says that the officers, Walt Naylor and Lee Hardin, went to Larned, Kan., last week and got Cooper, wanted for horse stealing and several other crimes and led him in jail at Beaver. Cooper is the fellow who got away from the above deputies several weeks ago. He made an excuse to wash his feet, got near a door and jumped out into the darkness and went home before the deputies knew what was his. Cooper had his preliminary trial before Judge Meese on Monday and was held in the sum of \$500 to await the action of the grand jury. He could not give bond and was placed in jail. Cooper's real name is McKinney.

TONGUE OF WAGON FELL.

It Struck the Farmer a Glancing Blow on the Head.

Perry, O. T., Aug. 15.—Peter Goughner, a well known farmer who lives north of the city met with quite a serious accident that may cost him his life.

He was walking through his busy shed when the tongue of a lumber wagon fell from above, striking him a glancing blow on the head. He was knocked unconscious and blood flowed freely from his nose and ears.

On examination he was found to be suffering from concussion of the brain and his physician as yet is unable to say what the result of the injury will be, but hopes for the best.

GIVEN A HEARING.

Schroeder is Bound Over for Robbery and is in Jail.

Kingfisher, O. T., Aug. 15.—The case of the territory against Fred Schroeder for robbery was given a preliminary hearing before Judge Graham. He pleaded not guilty to the charge of holding up Chester Darwin on a freight car north of Dover, for his money, \$450. He was bound over to the next grand jury in the sum of \$500. As he is a stranger in this section, he is not likely to find bondsmen.

POULTRY SHOW SCHEDULED.

Hennessey Urges Chicken Owners to Produce Best Birds.

Guthrie, O. T., The State Poultry association will hold their next show in conjunction with the Hennessey association the third week in January, and all chicken fanciers in the county are urged to begin making arrangements now to have the best selection of birds they can possibly secure, says the Hennessey Democrat.

The meeting of the state association will present an exceptional opportunity for fancy chicken raisers to get an unlimited amount of advertising of their birds.

BONDS SOLD AT PAR.

Six Per Cent for Twenty Years Is the Rate Paid.

Watonga, O. T., Aug. 15.—On Tuesday W. D. McGinley, secretary of the Oklahoma Bond & Trust Co., of Guthrie, closed the deal with the city council for the waterworks bonds, says the Republican.

The contract made was the best that could be done under the present conditions of the bond market. The bonds are taken at par value, with six per cent interest, and run for a period of twenty years.

The school bonds were bought by W. L. Bradford, the school furniture man of Oklahoma City, on the same terms as the above. The purchasers of the bonds pay the expense of printing same.

COURT TO ACT.

Condemnation Proceedings Will Be Instituted for Right of Way.

El Reno, O. T., Aug. 15.—Owing to the fact that some of the property owners on the line of the St. Louis, El Reno and Western through the city and southwest thereof, insisting upon damages that the committee think are exorbitant, the board of commissioners will institute condemnation proceedings. The board will be asked to appoint appraisers immediately unless amicable settlement is made before the cases can be heard and the railway company will proceed to grade the short distance still remaining.

The company has also concluded to change the grade northeast of the city and this side of the North Canadian so as to miss the county farm buildings. The present line would necessitate moving the county buildings and the company has decided to swing around and thus obviate that necessity.

Wouldn't Stand Censure.

Hennessey, O. T., Aug. 15.—William Nelson has resigned the office of city marshal, to which he was appointed by the city council August 2. It is said that the cause of his resignation was the dissatisfaction which arose from certain quarters over his appointment of Rimer Swin as night watchman. Rather than stand any censure he tendered his resignation. J. A. Leslie was appointed on Monday to fill the vacancy.

TWO YEARS FROM THE VIRGIN SOD

New Country Was Unbroken Prairie at That Time.

POPULATED IN DAYS

Where Other Localities Have Required Years.

El Reno, O. T., A correspondent here writes to the New York Evening Post as follows: Two years ago on the platform at the base of the school-house hill ten thousand people surrounded the lottery wheel, which determined who might first enter the 3,000,000 acres of Indian lands to be thrown open to settlement. At that time not a white man had an abiding place on those spreading acres. Now the people who then took possession are celebrating the second anniversary of their settlement. The remarkable history of the new lands during the past two years has never been equaled in the nation's history. It is an example of the marvelous development that the west is undergoing. The lands of Caddo, Kiowa, and Comanche. Their county seats are Lawton, Muskogee and Hobart, while this city, on the edge of the tract, is a sharer in the growing greatness of the new country.

The towns were populated in days, and now have 4,000 to 12,000 population, with all the business advantages of the cities of the same size. A thousand miles farther east there are cities of the same size, but the people who have taken possession are celebrating the second anniversary of their settlement. The remarkable history of the new lands during the past two years has never been equaled in the nation's history. It is an example of the marvelous development that the west is undergoing. The lands of Caddo, Kiowa, and Comanche. Their county seats are Lawton, Muskogee and Hobart, while this city, on the edge of the tract, is a sharer in the growing greatness of the new country.

Not all this money has been taken from the soil, although good crops of wheat, oats, cotton and corn are common over the new section. Most of it has been brought here for investment. The banks are largely owned by eastern capitalists, the local investors being interested for the purpose of management. "Eastern" means Kansas City and beyond. The population is so cosmopolitan that here, as nowhere else in the west, may be seen the mingling of the north and south. The drawing prevented a one-sided rush, and Texas and Kansas had the same share in taking the valuable land. It is one aspect of the new country's success that there has been an exchange of information on crop raising. The southerner has taught the northerner how to produce cotton, and in return has learned to raise wheat. The soil is rich, the rainfall certain, and the conditions favorable for a permanent prosperity. The fact that Oklahoma's valuation has this year increased nearly \$12,000,000 and that the banks have their largest deposits in the territory's history, show that is the tendency of the territory.

The question of statehood is more active than ever. The sentiment in favor of admission without waiting for the Indian Territory is strong. It is feared that the insistence on a single state of the two territories would too long postpone action. Oklahoma now has about 50,000 population. With the Indian Territory added there would be about 1,100,000, and the state would be entitled to five or six congressmen. It is already a part of the admission of Oklahoma, say that the state would be a Democratic one without a doubt while Oklahoma may be able to hold up the Republican banner. It is pointed out that the people would be so greatly obligated to the party in power for the boon of statehood that they would increase the Republican majority. This plea will be presented to the coming congress with much earnestness; it is doubted if the result would bear it out.

The record of failures in the southwest is a good index of the vitality with which the business is being conducted. Practically none are listed for Oklahoma by the mercantile reports. The immigration is too great for the business houses to lose. Out of 124 passengers on a train out of Omaha 122 were bound for Oklahoma. A steady stream of new settlers is pouring into the territory from the east and north. They are of the best class—people who have money, because it takes money to buy reality in this section. Farms with small improvements sell readily for \$500, while the lands equally as productive and better improved across the line in Kansas sell for one-third less. Why is it? Because of the advertising the territory has received and because of its virgin soil. The wheat this year is sought all over the world by millers because it is rich in flour and has large plump berries.

There is one disappointment in the development of the new section—the mining industry. The mines have not paid as well as the prospects indicated. The scores of mining companies incorporated for work in the Wichita mountains have paid few dividends, but there are yet hopes. The prospecting which is going on here is sought all over the world by millers because it is rich in flour and has large plump berries.

The board of referees met on Tuesday and agreed to hold court on the different tracts of land alleged to have been damaged by Maas. Yet has been retained as stenographer and a deputy sheriff appointed to serve subpoenas upon such witnesses as may be needed by the board.

RICH GREER COUNTY.

Nothing Like It for Mineral Wealth in Mineral Counties.

Manum, O. T., Aug. 15.—Promoter Eggleston has not yet given up the Greer county proposition. He visited the mines and Greer salt fields last week, accompanied by H. O. Winters, of New York, mining engineer and expert miner, and if the latter gentleman reports to those who sent him anything like the tale he made while here those New Yorkers will be running over each other to get investments in Greer county. He said he had traversed all over the territory, Alaska, Mexico and much of South America, but he had never seen a country of such mineral wealth as Greer county. He says the county is simply too rich to calculate the wealth. Not only salt and gypsum, but oil, gold, silver, copper, lead and zinc. And he says these heavy mineral deposits are quite close to the surface.

DICK ESTES OF LAWTON.

Is Said to Have Served Several Terms in Prison.

Lawton, O. T., Aug. 15.—Since the arrest and return of Dick Estes from Fort Worth by Rufus Le Ross, the undersheriff of Comanche county, a chapter of his little crimes in being tackled, and some like the record of noted desperadoes only on a smaller plan. Dick Estes may not be a very mean man, yet his conviction of crime and the holding of charges now against him makes rather bad showing for a strictly good man. Dick Estes was first arrested one night last February in a saloon in this city

FIELD FOR DAIRYMEN IS LARGE

Splendid Opportunities Are Open for Butter Making.

SHIPPED FROM THE NORTH

Plenty of Good Cows and Lush Pasture.

Guthrie, O. T., Aug. 15.—There are splendid opportunities in Oklahoma for experienced dairymen. Grocers are complaining that they cannot supply the demand for good butter. In fact, the state it is impossible to secure butter at all, unless it is shipped in from the north. This has been the situation practically all season. Families in many ties have been able to contract with farmers for their supply and this limits the amount going to the grocer. A few nights ago grocers stated they could not furnish butter for another shipment came in from a northern creamery. The price for the creamery product is more than can be secured for other butter, but people do not object to paying this price, providing the butter is good.

"I do not understand why it is," said a man who is closely watching the situation, "that farmers and cattlemen do not realize what is to be made in making the right kind of butter and selling the same in this territory. There are thousands of pounds of butter shipped into Oklahoma. There are plenty of good cows in the territory and any man can certainly run a dairy and make money from it. Some time ago a grocer told me that he was forced to depend on creameries for his butter for the best trade, or if he tried to secure country butter, it was an impossibility to get it."

"In addition to this there is a market for home cheese. Cheese is shipped into Oklahoma by the car load, unless a man had a large factory his entire product could be sold in his own county. I do not believe the people of Oklahoma realize what residents of northern and eastern states make out of the dairy business. There is a splendid field in Oklahoma. It is true that some farmers milk from twenty to thirty cows, but they barely make enough butter to supply the family table. The milk is fed to calves and hogs and this does not any more than pay for the trouble of milking the cows. If these farmers enter the dairy business, there would be ample returns for the men who will devote time to handling cows and selling butter, or making cheese."

CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

Presented a \$25 Check Which Was Not Valid.

El Reno, O. T., Aug. 15.—Last evening Mr. C. W. Lewis, an extensive land owner in Canadian county, filed a complaint in Judge Phelps' court charging James Murray with forgery. The information states that the accused presented a twenty-five dollar check to John Hudspeth, drawn on the Citizens' Bank of El Reno, and tried to get it cashed, and it is rumored that he had a forged check on his person when arrested, and he tried to borrow \$25 from a Red barn. All of which, if proven true, will certainly put him in jeopardy and possibly give him a permanent residence for a considerable length of time. The preliminary hearing will be held next Saturday afternoon in the probate court room.

TO RIVAL HOT SPRINGS.

Project on Foot to Connect Sulphur Springs With Large Cities.

Norman, O. T., Aug. 15.—Sulphur Springs will certainly be the health and pleasure resort of the west, rivaling Hot Springs, Ark., in time, and become the mecca for all invalids in the country. The government is already spending thousands of dollars there and is only commencing, and will make it a great resort, says the Transcript.

In view of this fact a project is already on foot to connect it by an electric line with Guthrie, Oklahoma City, Norman, Purcell and other towns of Oklahoma. One joint of the claim now being built between Oklahoma City and Guthrie. From Guthrie it will extend north and from Oklahoma City south and west very soon. There is plenty of capital behind the project, and as it strikes a good road it will be a paying road from the start. The towns on its line will be Guthrie, Edmond, Oklahoma City, Norman, Lexington, Purcell, Pauls Valley, Wynnewood and Davis on the direct line, and Shawnee and Tucuman on the east and El Reno, Kingfisher and Okarche on the west.

FOR A TRAVELING COURT.

Itinerary Referee Court Has Been Established in Oklahoma.

Oklahoma City, O. T., Aug. 15.—An itinerary referee court conducted after the methods of early circuit courts in other states, is a novelty in Oklahoma, but such has been established and will shortly enter upon its duties.

On August 4, upon application of plaintiffs and defendants in the cases of the Missouri Kansas and Oklahoma railway company, versus various persons, suit to obtain right of way for the railway line, Judge Burwell selected as referees or appraisers B. M. Ditley, J. W. Hunt and W. S. Patton to hear and determine the matter in controversy in each of said cases.

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